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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO JACK BLUM, SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF.

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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED HEARINGS

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1. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, DIE WELT, AND
THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU ALL RAN SHORT ARTICLES ON
MARCH 16 REPORTING THAT DURING MONDAY MORNING'S ROUTINE
MEETING THE STATE SECRETARIES (DEPUTY MINISTERS) DECIDED
TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE LOCKHEED
AFFAIR. THE COMMISSION, CONSISTING OF OFFICIALS FROM THE
MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCE, AT THE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL, WILL EVALUATE MATERIAL
EMERGING FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS AS REPORTED
BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL RATH.
THE "COMMISSION" BEGAN WORK THE SAME DAY,
MARCH 15.

2. THESE REPORTS FOLLOWED ON THE HEELS OF A WESTFAELISCHE
RUNDSCHAU ARTICLE DATED MARCH 15, PREDICTING THE
FORMATION OF AN INVESTIGATORY COMMISSION. ACCORDING TO
THIS REPORT, THE DECISION TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER
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FURTHER WAS OCCASIONED BY PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR BY

SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LEADER WEHNER, WHO WAS UNWILLING
TO ACCEPT THE VIEW OF THE JUSTICE MINISTRY THAT
THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAD EXPIRED ON ANY
OFFENSES WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED INVOLVING
LOCKHEED.
HILLENBRAND

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